

# ALASKA DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND GAME

## DIVISION OF COMMERCIAL FISHERIES

### NEWS RELEASE



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#### **2013 Yukon River Fall Salmon Fishery News Release # 27**

#### **Fall Announcement # 23, District 2 Commercial Period 8**

Districts Affected: Lower Yukon Area

Through August 22 the cumulative fall chum salmon passage past Pilot Station sonar is approximately 592,600 fish which is above the historical median of 463,400 fish for that date. Based on inseason assessment, the projected fall chum salmon run size is greater than 900,000 fish. Through August 22 the cumulative coho salmon passage past Pilot Station is 42,095 fish which is well below the historical median of 76,800 for that date. The coho salmon run to date is the second lowest on record.

#### **District Y-2**

Commercial fishing will be open for one period in District Y-2 on Saturday, August 24 from 12:00 noon until 6:00 p.m. This will be a 6-hour commercial fishing period. Gillnets are restricted to a maximum mesh size of 6 inches or less.

Verbal report from the District Y-2 commercial salmon fishing period on August 20 indicate a preliminary harvest of 30,816 fall chum and 5,667 coho salmon. The preliminary cumulative commercial harvest for District Y-2 is 78,541 fall chum and 14,210 coho salmon.

District Y-2 commercial fishermen are requested not to fish on the south bank of Yukon River in front of the Pilot Station sonar site from an ADF&G buoy just upstream of the sonar to an ADF&G marker 500 yards downstream. Commercial fishing in this area interferes with sonar operations and can affect fish counts. The department thanks commercial fishermen for their continued cooperation.

In District Y-2 subsistence salmon fishing is open 7 days per week except for 12 hours before, during, and 12 hours after each commercial fishing period. Subsistence fishing in District Y-2 will close at 12:01 a.m. Saturday, August 24 and will reopen at 6:00 a.m. Sunday, August 25.

Recorded fishery announcements and updates will be available 24 hours a day at 949-1731 or toll free at 1-866-479-7387. If you have any questions regarding this report, please call the Emmonak ADF&G office at 949-1320. The Emmonak ADF&G office will stand by on VHF channel 7A.

This has been an announcement by the Alaska Department of Fish and Game in consultation with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service.

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